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Subject: Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel updates County Officials and Community Representatives on the National Opioid Litigation Settlement and Grand Traverse County's \$3 million settlement share

Traverse City, Mich. – On Monday March 21, 2022, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel held a special press conference at the Grand Traverse County Governmental Center to provide information on the recent settlement agreement reached in the National Opioid Litigation, which settles litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest opioid pharmaceutical distributors. The settlement will allow thousands of communities to receive opioid recovery funds used to address the crisis created by these distributors. The State of Michigan will receive \$800 million, and Grand Traverse County will receive approximately \$3 million of this settlement money. The approximate \$3 million will be paid to Grand Traverse County in installment payments over 18 years. Grand Traverse County is permitted to use the funds for a broad range of abatement uses including, intervention, treatment, prevention, and recovery purposes.

Several County Officials, addiction specialists, and community representatives attended the event. Grand Traverse County Administrator, Nate Alger, who spoke first at the press conference, and welcomed the Attorney General to the region, commented – “Manufacturers and distributors knowingly withheld critical information about the highly addictive nature of these medications, leading to the crisis we have today. We in Grand Traverse County have seen our share of the negative impacts due to the opioid addiction and we look forward to using settlement dollars to reverse the course of this epidemic.”

Questions about this press release can be sent to Grand Traverse County's media contact listed below.

See attached photos of the press conference.

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